

Regional Wind Conference Agenda- *updated 9/09/05*

Sunday, September 11, 2005

- 1:00 to 1:45 PM Pre-conference registration and loading of motor coaches, Swiftel Center (824 32nd Ave, Brookings, S.D.)
- 2:00 PM Motor coaches depart Swiftel Center: **Buffalo Ridge Wind Farm Tour**
- 5:00 PM Coaches return to Swiftel Center

Monday, September 12, 2005

- 7:30 to 8:30 AM Registration, Swiftel Center Lobby (824 32nd Ave, Brookings, S.D.)
- 8:30 to 9:30 AM **Wind 101 Session**, Daktronics Banquet Room
Commissioner Dustin Johnson and Analyst Steve Wegman, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
- 9:30 to 10:00 AM **Welcome and Introductions**, Daktronics Banquet Room
Commissioner Dustin Johnson, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
- 10:00 to 10:15 AM **Morning Break**, Daktronics Banquet Room Corridor
- 10:15 to 11:45 AM **Session 1: Making Community-Based Wind Work**,
Daktronics Banquet Room
Moderator: Commissioner Bob Sahr, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Presenter: Dan Juhl, Dan Mar & Associates, Pipestone, Minn.
Topic: Formation and Operation
Presenter: Karl-Heinz Mertins, John Deere Corporation, Moline, Ill.
Topic: Financing
Panelist: Brad Stevens, Energy & Environmental Research Center, Grand Forks, N.D.
Panelist: Mark Willers, MinWind, Luverne, Minn.
- 11:45 AM to 1:15 PM Lunch with special presentation by **Phil Dougherty**, U.S. Department of Energy, Wind Powering America National Coordinator, County Rooms
- 1:15 to 2:45 PM **Session 2: Challenges of Wind**, Daktronics Banquet Room
Moderator: Audry Ricketts, South Dakota Rural Electric Association, Pierre, S.D.
Presenter: Regi Goodale, Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives, Des Moines, Iowa
Topic: Overview
Presenter: Price Hatcher, Xcel Energy, Denver, Colo.
Topic: Scheduling/Capacity
Panelist: Pat Spears, Intertribal Council on Utility Policy, Ft. Pierre, S.D.
Panelist: Jeff Nelson, East River Electric Cooperative,

Madison, S.D.

- 2:45 to 3:00 PM **Afternoon Break**, Daktronics Banquet Room Corridor
- 3:00 to 4:30 PM **Session 3: Barriers to Wind Development**, Daktronics Banquet Room
Moderator: Bob Miller, South Dakota Investor Owned Utilities Association, Pierre, S.D.
Presenter: John DiDonato, FPL Energy, Juno Beach, Fla.
 Topic: Siting Process
Presenter: Tom Feiler, Clipper Wind Power, Inc., Denver, Colo.
 Topic: Buyers/Marketing
Presenter: Dale Osborn, Midwest ISO, Carmel, Ind.
 Topic: Transmission
Panelist: Ron Rebenitsch, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., Bismarck, N.D.
Panelist: Ray Wahle, Missouri River Energy Services, Sioux Falls, S.D.
- 4:30 to 5:30 PM **Session 4: WRAN and Wind Forecasting**, Daktronics Banquet Room
Moderator: Phil Dougherty, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, D.C.
Presenter: Dr. Michael Ropp, South Dakota State University, Engineering Department, Brookings, S.D.
 Topic: WRAN
Presenter: Lee Alnes, WindLogics Inc., St. Paul, Minn.
 Topic: Wind Forecasting
Panelist: Marc Schwartz, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Golden, Colo.
- 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM **South Dakota Farm-Style Feed**, County Rooms
- 7:00 to 8:30 PM **Recap of Day's Wind Sessions** (*free session; open to public*), Daktronics Banquet Room
Presenter: Steve Wegman, Staff Analyst, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Presenter: Lisa Daniels, Windustry, Minneapolis, Minn.

Tuesday, September 13, 2005

- 8:00 AM **Registration** (*for day two attendees*, Swiftel Center Lobby)
- 8:30 to 10:00 AM **Session 5: A Panel Discussion: Evaluating Policy Tools**, Daktronics Banquet Room
Moderator: Commissioner Dustin Johnson, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Panelist: Rep. Mike Beard, Minnesota State Legislature, St. Paul, Minn.
Panelist: Dean Crist, MidAmerican Energy, Des Moines, Iowa
 Topic: Overview of RPS

Panelist: Beth Soholt, Wind on the Wires, St. Paul, Minn.
Panelist: Adam Sokolski, Izaak Walton League of America, St. Paul, Minn.
Topic: Overview of Green Credits
Panelist: Kyle White, Black Hills Power, Rapid City, S.D.
Topic: Overview of Transmission Authority

10:00 to 10:15 AM **Morning Break**, Daktronics Banquet Room Corridor

10:15 to 11:45 AM **Session 6: Developments in Wind**, Daktronics Banquet Room
Moderator: Commissioner Gary Hanson, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Presenter: Mark Eilers, GE Power Generation, Pleasanton, Calif.
Topic: Machine Design
Presenter: Brad Crabtree, Great Plains Institute for Sustainable Development, Ashley, N.D.
Topic: Using Technology to Overcome Wind Challenges
Panelist: Marcus da Cunha, Navitas Energy, Inc., Minneapolis, Minn.
Panelist: John Dunlop, AWEA, Minneapolis, Minn.

11:45 AM to 1:30 PM Lunch with special presentation by **Dick Kelly**, CEO, Xcel Energy, Minneapolis, Minn., County Rooms